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IN THE MATTER OF: Manzo Scott

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EXAMINER:

Title: Electro-Surgical Instrument With Replaceable End Effectors and Inhibited Surface Conduction

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The references cited on attached substitute PTO/1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom

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